

MINUTES OF
YOUTH COMMISSION MEETING
February 2010

ATTENDEES:

Kendall Kyritz	Annie Maguire	Christine Wood
Caity Lowden	Mackenzie Begley	Joan Sawitsky
Sarah Smith	Alicia Sillars	Diane Barston
Kate FitzMaurice	Karen Brennan	
Lynnie Strother	Dan Wood	

The meeting was called to order at 7:41PM. Minutes of December meeting were read and corrected. Motion to approve the Minutes was made and seconded.

Tops - Collected \$1100 (half expenses) - 130 kids attended the Gym and Swim held at the Darien YMCA.

Volunteer Fair - The Darien Youth Commission attended the Volunteer Fair. In general it was pretty crowded, and possible options for next year would be to move it into two gyms, so there is more space. At the volunteer fair the Youth Commission publicized Summer camp employment opportunities.

Up-Coming Event: TOPS Valentine's Day Dance - February 5th - Carnation Sale in memory of Mrs. Tierney. Potential conflict is the Jazz festival scheduled for the same night.

My Three Sons - February 27th - 6th Grade - Donations are being taken to benefit Haiti.

Community Festival of the Arts - Day to Create - Scheduled for March 13th. Amazing Andy is the opening act. The day's activities will take place in the gym and there are about 11 or 12 organizations or agencies coming and bringing a craft. Hired: face painter and TWO caricaturists.

Summer Concert Series - Discussion of possibly starting later to gain a larger crowd (Start Wednesday after school gets out → go through July)

Summer Camp -

June 21st - July 9th

July 12th - July 29th

The registration process has "gone green" → distributing minimal application forms through the schools (250 total - 50 to each elementary school).
Rather there are two downloadable forms on the website.

YAT - Sarah attended the follow up to the discussion of the asset-based survey meeting. YAT is a group of students and Sarah informed us that they are looking for a couple young teach sponsors. Their first task is to increase communication between the students and the school because they believed that improving communication would increase all assets.

Strategic Planning - New Event Planning - General brainstorming for the type of event, audience, and time of year. One possible option = Health/Sports expo - Pioneering Healthy Communities.